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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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CC: 02-6

August 30, 2010

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Request for Waiver of the Deadline

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am requesting a waiver of the deadline for the Funding Year 2009 Form 471. I mistakenly completed the forms for Funding Year 2010 instead of Funding Year 2009. The error was discovered when I submitted the Form 472 to our service provider. I have since corrected my mistake.

Attached is the first page of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2010.

Please see the following information:

BEN: 222436

Form 471: 771163

Appellant Name: Williams School

Service Provider: AT&T

Sincerely,

Chiquita Archie
Chiquita Archie, Accounting Specialist

Mississippi Department of Human Services

Division of Youth Services

Chiquita.Archie@mdhs.ms.gov



FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2010: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011)

May 26, 2010

Andrew Friday
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICE
750 North State
Jackson, MS 39205

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 728069
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 222436
Billed Entity FCC RN: 0012109583
Applicant's Form Identifier: DYS 2010

Thank you for your Funding Year 2010 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

~~The amount, \$106,704.00, is "Approved"~~

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Reference Area of our website.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File Form 486 ✓ 6/11/10
- Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity applicant) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have the option of filing an appeal with the SLD or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 - Form 471 Application Number 728069 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2010," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.



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September 1, 2010

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

**RE: ETC Certification to the FCC for 2011 Federal Universal Service
Support, Study Areas 482235 and 483308**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Fourteenth Report and Order, *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies to the FCC and USAC that Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier with study areas in the State of Montana and Idaho, and is eligible to receive universal service support in the year 2010. In support of this request, the following information is provided:

1. ETC Identification:

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
1221 North Russell
Missoula, MT 59808

The Montana Public Service Commission sent a letter to all Montana ETCs, Rural and Non-Rural on August 13, 2010, in which it supplied filing instructions for the annual certification process. Per those instructions Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative certified with the Montana Public Service Commission for the exchanges located in the State of Montana. That certification was filed in N2010.8.83 on September 1, 2009. The Montana Public Service Commission will supply its certification of all Montana's Rural and Non-Rural ETCs to the FCC and USAC on or before October 1, 2010.

At the direction of the Idaho Commission, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative hereby submits certification to the Commission for its single exchange located in Idaho.

2. Contact Information:

Any communications or questions regarding this request should be directed to:

William Squires
Sr. Vice President – General Counsel
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
1221 North Russell
Missoula, MT 59808
Telephone: 406-541-5330
Fax: 406-532-5014
e-mail: wsquires@blackfoot.com

3. Study Area Information:

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a listing of all local exchanges, by exchange prefix, switch name/location, and County, comprising Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's incumbent local exchange ETC service area. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's "study areas" are comprised of all its incumbent local exchange properties listed on Exhibit A. The study areas have been assigned the study area codes of 482235 and 483308.

4. Rural Designation:

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is a rural telephone company as defined in **47 U.S.C. §153**. Additionally, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in **47 U.S.C. §251(h)**.

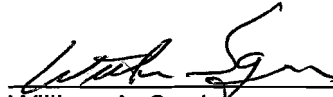
5. Use of Funds:

As provided in the affidavit of Theodore Otis, CFO, for Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, which affidavit is being provided in conjunction with this request for certification, 2011 universal service funds will be used for and only for the purposes for which universal service support is intended, including the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services provided by Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative to its members.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
September 1, 2010
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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments on this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Squires", is written over a horizontal line.

William A. Squires
Senior Vice President - General Counsel



Exhibit A

Study Area 482235

Exchange Prefix	Switch Name	County
244	Potomac	Missoula
246	Dixon	Sanders
349	Alta	Ravalli
492	Avon	Powell
644	Charlo	Lake
677	Seeley Lake	Missoula
726	Arlee	Lake
745	St. Ignatius	Lake
754	Condon	Missoula
793	Ovando	Powell
825	Clinton	Missoula
864	Alberton South	Missoula
942	Powell*	Clearwater, Idaho

Study Area 483308

Exchange Prefix	Switch Name	County
288	Drummond	Granite
649	St. Regis	Mineral
678	Haugan	Mineral
722	Alberton	Missoula
822	Superior	Mineral
826	Plains	Sanders
827	Thompson Falls	Sanders
847	Noxon	Sanders
859	Philipsburg	Granite

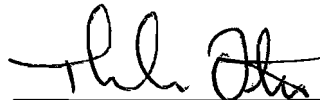
State of Montana)
)
County of Missoula)

CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER PURSUANT
TO FCC ORDER NO. 01-157

Affidavit

Theodore Otis, being first duly sworn, says:

1. I am the Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, for Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. I make this affidavit from my own knowledge of the financial structure of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
2. I make this affidavit on behalf of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
3. On behalf of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., I certify that, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's *Fourteenth Report and Order, In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative will use all federal high-cost, local switching, and any related "lifeline" or safety net support provided to it for and only for the purposes for which universal service support is intended, including the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services provided by Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to its subscribers, consistent with the principles set forth in 47 U.S.C. §254.



Theodore Otis

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of September, 2010.

